

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated May 2, 2005, the Examining Attorney has detailed a number of objections and rejections. Each of these issues will be addressed in the same order as provided in the Office Action.

Specification

The disclosure was objected to for informalities in Paragraphs [00013], [00028], [00032] and [00036]. The specific objections enumerated by the Examiner have been addressed with the enclosed amendment.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-22 were rejected. Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 10, 11, 17, 19 and 20 recite an angle between two surfaces. The Examiner observes that the specific claim recitations as originally filed were identified as indefinite because there are two ways to measure an angle between two surfaces. Depending on how the angle is defined, the compression surfaces could either be defined as upwardly curved compression paddle or downwardly curved compression paddle relative to the image detector or the breast support plate. Concavity has a similar orientation issue.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 10, 11, 17, 19 and 20 have been amended to address the indefinite issues. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to require that the third panel compression surface be downwardly angled toward the image detector. Claim 2 has been amended so that the second planar compression surface is downwardly angled relative to the image detector. Claim 4 has been amended so that the lip is angled upwardly relative to the first compression surface. Claim 7 has been amended so that the first compression surface is angled downwardly relative to a parallel plane to the image detector. Claim 10 has been amended so that the third compression

surface is angled downwardly relative to the second compression surface toward the support plate. Claim 11 has been amended so that the first compression surface is angled downwardly from a horizontal plane. Claim 17 has been amended so that the third planar compression surface is angled downwardly toward the breast support plate. Claim 18 has been amended so that the concave portion of the second compression surface faces the breast support plate. Claim 19 has been amended so that the angle intermediate the first and second compression surface is downwardly oriented toward the breast support plate. Finally, claim 20 has been amended so that the concave first compression surface is concave relative to the breast support plate and that the second planar compression surface is downwardly oriented toward the breast support plate.

These amendments to the claims are believed to address the indefinite issues raised by the Examiner for the angular and concavity orientations.

Allowable Subject Matter

The applicant appreciates the Examiner indicating that the compression devices are not shown in the prior art.

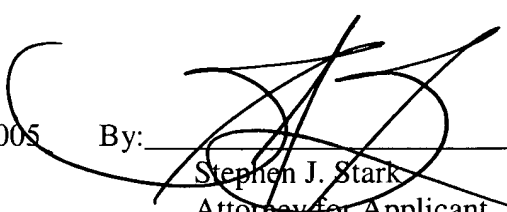
Conclusion

No additional claims have been added and no additional fees are believed to be due with this response. Accordingly, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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